

have, if the Lord will let us live a little longer, and I pray that he will. "Then shall the end come," think of it friends, "then shall the end come." When? When the Gospel of the Kingdom shall have been preached to all nations, kindreds, and tongues; not before. The inevitable inference is that the tardiness, luke-warmness, and the selfishness and the extravagance of the Christian Church is delaying the Lord's coming, and perpetuating the awful suffering of a benighted world, and causing the loss of millions upon millions of souls. If any of you can make anything else out of these passages of Scripture, you have a happier faculty than I have. To me they mean just what they say. Some one may say, we have plenty of heathen at home; that may be true, but the heathen at home know all about the Gospel and Christ and if they do not they know where to go to find out. The Gospel has virtually been preached to every creature in this country of ours, and God can bring it into judgment most any day, without injustice, but not so with the heathen nations that have never heard the truth. Some may say we are too poor to spend money on Foreign Missions. Let me give you another lot of statistics. Christian America spends in one year \$2,200,000,000 for liquor; \$600,000,000 for tobacco; \$70,000,000 the past year for bicycles; \$20,000,000 for chewing gum; \$20,000,000 for feathers for hat trimmings; \$11,000,000 for kid gloves with which to keep our ladies' hands cold. Now listen, and \$5,500,000 for Foreign Missions, just a little over one-fourth as much as she spends for chewing gum.

Just what proportion the Brethren Church contributes to these useless wastes I do not know, but I venture the assertion that her tobacco and chewing gum bills will defray the expenses of a dozen missions. I will prove this later. I have so far only touched the outer circle or shell of this subject; been dealing in physical things, figures, and statistics, but these will avail but little, if we do not reckon ourselves dead in deed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Dead indeed, not in imagination, not in thought, but in deed, and alive indeed unto God.* Reckon is a mathematical term, which signifies, determine or establish. We are to establish the fact that we are *dead indeed unto sin*, and *alive indeed unto God*. How can we better establish this than to throw ourselves, our lives and our substance, on the missionary altar? Jesus did not say, send your money, but "Go ye" God wants regenerated, sanctified, Holy Ghost-baptized men and women to go. As soon as we have these,

the money will be at their command. The gold and the silver and the cattle upon a thousand hills are the Lord's. He knows how to manage finances, there is no difficulty there, but there is great difficulty in His getting the hearts of the people. Paul says, "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing." I Cor. 13: 3. It is not property and money that God wants. He wants our love, our hearts, when he has these, the money is thrown in gratis. Not love for self; not even a sentimental love for God; that is not charity because He first loved us; but true charity is to love those that hate us.

HOW TO MEET IT.

I can not tell in detail how to meet this responsibility, but trust that through the Holy Spirit, I shall be able to make some valuable suggestions. First there must be a more deeply seated and thorough consecration, than there has been manifest among us heretofore; this can only be attained by a prayerful study of the deep mysteries of godliness, which will bring about crucifixion to the world, and a resurrection into Divine Life. (The mere human counts for very little in Foreign Mission work.) For this cause, and for the proper study of the cause of missions, we must have conventions from time to time, so as to develop evenly, and harmoniously along the same lines, so that we can work hand in hand, and heart in heart, for the one cause. In other words, "we must be with one accord, in one place." So great a work as this will take time; it is not expedient that we should delay all effort, until such an ideal state is developed; we must do what we can at once, and we can do a great deal, if we will go about it systematically and earnestly. I have intimated that tobacco and chewing gum bills of the Brethren Church would pay for a dozen missionaries in foreign fields; I have no data with which to prove that assertion, but when we consider that it would take only about two-thirds of a cent a week, to raise the necessary amount to keep twelve missionaries in the field, it becomes self apparent.

Now let us look the possibilities squarely in the face. We have no data as a basis for an estimate of the cost of missions; I must therefore go to some of the Missionary Societies to get that; I believe the International Missionary Alliance of New York, is the best managed Society in the world. I will therefore use their figures as a basis for us to calculate on; they pay their white, or English, Missionaries three hundred dollars per year in China, and two hundred and fifty dollars

in India and Africa. In the northern part of China, there are a number of Sweeds at work under the Alliance; they work for two hundred dollars per year, and native Chinamen get only sixty dollars per year. Native Bible women get only thirty-six dollars per year. It is estimated that our church numbers about ten thousand members and if that be the basis, one cent per week from each member, would give us the neat sum of five thousand two hundred dollars a year, which at three hundred dollars each, would support seventeen in China, or about thirty, if we would place some of them in India or Africa.

Is it possible that we have any members in our church who would not be glad to pay one cent a week for so great a cause, if they understood the question, and were acquainted with the actual condition in those benighted nations, and understood their responsibility before God? No! No! It cannot be that a people as generous, as humane, as I believe our people to be, and as religious as I believe they are, would refuse to give so trifling an amount, if there was a proper system instituted to get it. It is not poverty; it is not meanness; it is not the want of love that has kept our people in the back ground these years; it is simply lack of system. What we need is a home Missionary that will go from church to church throughout the whole country, and present the cause of missions, and establish a system of collections in every church, and then go back the next year and gather up the results. It seems to me that this would be the legitimate work of our King's Children Societies; their name indicates a high-calling, they should bring their efforts up to the dignity of their name. In this cause of Foreign Missions there is an open door and a wide field, may God inspire and the Holy Ghost so fill our young people that they will at once embrace this opportunity for glory, honor and dominion for themselves and God in this world, and the world to come, and peace and good will to degraded humanity.

A man or woman filled with the love of God, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, conversant with the condition of the heathen world, and familiar with the Word of God concerning the absolute necessity for the evangelization of the world before the Lord can return, would be such a blessing to the churches that he or she might visit, that the work would soon be self supporting, and it would concentrate and inspire the work in every branch. Now what shall we do about it? Now there is still another point to consider. Even if we had the money, what are we to do with it? Who wants to go to the